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In the drawings:

The attached eight sheets of drawings replace the original figures. The new corrected drawings are in compliance with 37 CFR 1.21(d). In Figures 5A and 5B (sheets 7/8 and 8/8), the language "Bidding a Tender" has been corrected to state "Bidding on a Tender."

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated August 14, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. The application is believed to be in allowable condition.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the telephonic interview conducted on November 9, 2006. In the interview, the Examiner proposed claim amendments that were acceptable to the Applicant, and that are reflected in the amended claims presented herewith. Applicant believes that, based on these amendments, the claims are in allowable condition.

The Drawings are objected to because Figures 5A and 5B recite "Bidding a Tender" rather than "Bidding on a Tender." Applicants have amended Figures 5A and 5B, which replacement sheets are attached hereto. Therefore, the objection to the drawings should be withdrawn.

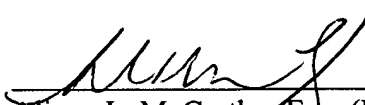
Claims 1, 11, 17, 26 and 35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Claims 1, 11, 17, 26 and 35 have been amended to address the 112 rejection. Further, as suggested, claims 11, 17 and 26 have been amended to include the limitations of dependent claims 16, 23 and 29, respectively, and claim 15 has been amended to include the limitations of its base claim. Claims 16, 23 and 29 have thus been canceled. Thus, Applicant believes the claims are now in allowable condition. The dependent claims are believed allowable for at least the reasons that respective base claims are now in allowable condition.

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Applicant believes that the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the enclosure submitted herewith, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,



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